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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A good deal of nonsense has been spoken and published of late on the subject of education in Arizona, which is calculated, if not designed, to deceive the people. The efficiency of our public schools may be seriously doubted, and the results attained are nowhere in the Territory commensurate with the large sums appropriated and expended for the education of the rising generation. Teachers' institutes appear to be for the sole purpose of affording public officers and pedagogues the opportunity of spreading themselves and indulging in grandiloquent praise of our public school system and the importance of the teacher's mission. New methods of teaching are evolved and abstruse subjects discussed to the exclusion of practical matters which might increase the efficiency of our schools. The tendency of modern education is toward more complicated methods and increased studies, which may be very well in private institutions of learning, but are not applicable to our public schools which demand a simple curriculum and thorough instruction in the English branches.

Prof. F. W. Hewes, in an article on the public schools, published in Harper's Weekly not long since, condemns the "text book craze rampant in our common schools," and protests against the number of subjects included in the school course. He says: "The minds of children are cramped until the young brain has no power to assimilate the conglomerate mass gorging its capacity. The natural result is the merest smattering of knowledge, unfitting the pupil for thoroughness in anything."

The public schools of Arizona are maintained at an annual cost (for 1895) of \$201,357.89 and the value of school property is \$415,132, and the expenditures for school purposes are steadily growing, out of all proportion to the increase of pupils enrolled. Certainly the tax-payers have a right to demand that greater economy be exercised in the management of the schools, and a higher degree of merit. The school tax rate in Gila county last year was 75 cents on each \$100, the highest in the Territory, being equalled only in Pinal county, and the total cost of maintenance of the public schools in Gila county in 1895 was \$4245, all of which was raised by local taxation.

Arizona has on her statute books a compulsory school law, which is a dead letter, owing to the failure of the county school superintendents in the several counties to enforce it, and the consequence is that only 70 or 80 per cent of the enrolled pupils actually attend school, and a still smaller per cent of children of a school age.

The SILVER BELT is not opposed to public education, but wants the schools run in the interest of the people and in accordance with business principles. The sources of complaint are numerous, and it is not a sufficient answer to say that the schools deserve praise for their present measure of effectiveness when the opportunities to make them better are neglected.

It will occasion no surprise or regret to learn that Mr. Bayard, who misrepresents the United States at the court of St. James, has concluded to remain permanently in England. He is fascinated with English life, customs and manners, and realizes how extremely unpopular he is in the United States. His commission as ambassador should be revoked and a successor appointed worthy to represent our great country.

The coinage executed at the United States mint during the year 1895 was: Gold, \$59,616,357; silver, \$5,586,010; minor coins, \$882,430. Had more silver been coined and silver paid out equally with gold in redeeming United States notes as contemplated by law, there would have been no necessity for gold bond issues.

The first election in Arizona after the organization of the Territory occurred July 18, 1864. Col. C. D. Poston was elected Delegate to Congress by a majority of 400 over his opponent, Dr. Leib. The total vote cast was 1076.

AN IMPORTANT BILL.

To Segregate Mineral and Coal Lands on the White Mountain Reservation.

[Introduced in the House of Representatives, December 28, 1895, by Delegate N. O. Murphy, of Arizona]. Whereas, on what is known as the White Mountain Indian reservation, in the Territory of Arizona, certain valuable mineral and coal lands are known to exist; and

Whereas, said reservation, created by the following series of executive orders—November 9, 1871; December 14, 1872; August 5, 1873; July 21, 1874; April 27, 1876; January 26, and March 31, 1877—comprises in area more than 4000 square miles; and

Whereas, not more than 1000 square miles thereof are of any use or benefit to the Indians who live thereon; therefore, be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to determine by reliable survey which of the lands on the White Mountain Indian reservation in Arizona are valuable for settlement and development and for coal and mineral mining purposes, and which lands are not now in use for revenue and benefit to the Indians, and declare said lands open for settlement and occupancy under and according to the general land laws of the United States affecting the public domain; provided, that all moneys derived from the sale of the lands opened for settlement under this act, which would otherwise be paid to the United States, in compliance with the regulations of the general land office, shall be paid to the Indians now occupying the reservation, portions of which are thrown open to settlement under the provisions of this act; said payments to the Indians to be made in such manner and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall adopt.

Section 2. That after the survey authorized by section 1 of this act has been made and plats thereof filed and approved in the general land office, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior without delay to issue the necessary order opening these lands to settlement, at the same time defining and declaring the new and reduced reservation limits and publishing the boundary lines thereof upon the official maps of the general land office.

Section 3. That the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Our Alaskan Frontier.

General Duffield, the chief of the coast and geodetic survey, has presented to the Secretary of State the joint report on the Alaskan boundary which was agreed upon last week by himself and the Canadian representative. This report will show a practical agreement as to the surveyed boundary line, the greatest difference between the lines run by the engineers of the two governments being but six feet and seven inches, or fifteen seconds of longitude. In view of these facts General Duffield is confident that the British can find no grounds upon which to establish a claim to the gold fields on the Yukon river, especially since a British engineer, in 1893, after careful observations, marked the banks of the Yukon and Forty-mile creek where they are crossed by the 141st meridian, and these marks have been verified by the United States survey. This operates to stop Great Britain from any new claim, and if she attempts to push her frontier beyond that line she will find that she has no Venezuela to deal with.

The construction of the Russian-British treaty, which we inherited with our acquisition of Alaska, is a different matter. It relates to another portion of the frontier line, and must be the basis of independent discussion and adjustment.—S. F. Chronicle.

The members of the Venezuelan boundary commission are: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Richard H. Alvey, of Maryland, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, of New York; Frederick R. Coudert, of New York; Daniel C. Gilman, of Maryland.

The Florence Tribune is informed that work on the extension of the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railway will be commenced in a few weeks, and the road will be running into Florence within six or eight months.

M. J. Nugent has been appointed deputy collector of internal revenue, to succeed Ben M. Crawford, resigned. The Gazette says the office of deputy collector will be removed from Tucson to Phoenix.

The United States leads the world in the production of gold, with a total for 1895 of 2,170,827 ounces, of a value of \$44,870,998. South Africa follows closely with \$44,750,000, and Australia \$44,000,000. Russia is a good fourth, having produced in value \$33,900,000. The increase over the previous year in

the United States was \$5,100,000, and in the world, \$23,775,000. The total silver production of the world in commercial value is \$105,429,034, or, in the United States coinage value, \$216,358,937. This country produced of silver, in commercial value, \$31,403,531, leading all countries, Mexico following with \$29,640,978 in commercial value.

The Detroit Copper Company at Morenci will put in about \$200,000 worth of new machinery at their plant in Morenci, the heaviest of which includes boilers, engines and blowers.

There are fourteen prisoners in the Graham county jail, twelve of whom await the action of the grand jury.

The Navajo Indians are holding back their wool on account of the constantly increasing demand for their famous blankets.

The company's store at the Ripsey mill, below Riverside, was burned New Year's. The fire originated from a defective flue.

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The Silver King mine is coming to the front again as a silver producer. Forty thousand ounces of silver was the product for December. Sometime ago a rich ledge was encountered, equal to the old mine, it is alleged. Superintendent J. Champou is working a force of forty men.

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Notice for Publication.

(Hd. E. No. 1030)
LAND OFFICE at Prescott, ARIZ.,
December 24, 1895.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court at Globe, Arizona, on February 15, 1896, viz: Charles E. Thomas, for the lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Sec. 3, Tp. 5 N., R. 11 E. (Hd. E. No. 1030).
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: David J. Peter, of Globe, Gila Co.; J. B. Armer, of Globe, Gila Co.; E. B. Ingalls, of Globe, Gila Co.; Tom Cline, of Gila P. O.
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION ISSUED out of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of the Territory of Arizona, in and for the County of Gila, on the 8th day of November, 1895, and to me directed and delivered, on a judgment rendered in the said District Court on the 26th day of May, 1894, and in the Supreme Court of the Territory of Arizona, on the 10th day of July, 1895, in favor of Gila county and against Edward H. Cook, Charles E. Taylor, Q. C. Tobor, J. W. Boardman, Charles Banker and F. Olson, and by virtue of a certain order and decree duly made and entered by said District Court, on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1895, directing execution to issue in accordance with said judgments, wherein I am commanded to make the sale of the Homestead and Seventy-eight Dollars damages, with interest from date of judgment at the rate of seven per cent per annum until satisfied, together with all costs and accruing costs.

And, whereas, I did on the 15th day of December, 1895, in pursuance of said execution, levy upon the following described real property, to-wit: All those certain pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the town of Globe, County of Gila, Territory of Arizona, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lot number thirteen (13), in block number seventy-three (73), lot number eleven (11) in block number seventy-five (75), and lot number nine (9) and ten (10), in block number ninety (90), according to the official map of Globe townsite, made by A. G. Penland and C. H. Wallace, surveyors, in the year 1892, and which said map is now on file in the office of the Probate Judge of said Gila County, and is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, for a more complete description of said lots.

The first two above described lots are standing on the records of said Gila County in the name of C. E. Taylor, and the last two above described lots are standing on the records of said Gila County in the name of Globe, Gila County, Arizona Territory. I will sell all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, or either of them, in and to the above described property, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States, to satisfy said execution and all costs.

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